Amendments to the Claims:
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-59 (canceled).

60. (previously presented) An absorbent article adapted to fit about a waist of a wearer, including a rear waist of the wearer, the absorbent article having a longitudinal direction and a lateral direction, the absorbent article further comprising:

front and rear waist sections, the rear waist section comprising a stretchable waist band, the stretchable waist band having a pair of opposite ends, each opposite end carrying a fastener employable to secure the absorbent article about the waist of the wearer with the stretchable waist band under tension,

an intermediate section which includes an absorbent portion and which intermediate section interconnects the front and rear waist sections, and

a gasketing assembly operatively joined with a rear waist portion of the stretchable waist band to mechanically deploy at least one gasket element upon tensioning of the stretchable waist band, the gasket element configured to inhibit a longitudinal flow of human discharge along a body faceable surface of the absorbent article.

61. (previously presented) The absorbent article of claim 60 having a longitudinal centerline wherein the gasket element is centered about the longitudinal centerline.

62. (previously presented) The absorbent article of claim 60 wherein the gasket element comprises a face portion deployable toward the waist of the wearer and the gasketing assembly comprises at least one thrust portion effective upon tensioning of the stretchable waist band to deploy the face portion toward the waist of the wearer.

63. (previously presented) The absorbent article of claim 62 wherein the at least one thrust portion comprises a compression resistant member.

64. (currently amended) The absorbent article of claim 63 wherein the compression resistant member is an encased part of the gasketing assembly with the compression resistant member in part encased by an inner covering.

65. (previously presented) The absorbent article of claim 62 wherein the gasketing assembly comprises at least a pair of opposed thrust portions effective upon tensioning of the stretchable waist band to deploy the face portion toward the waist of the wearer.

66. (previously presented) The absorbent article of claim 65 wherein each of the pair of opposed thrust portions comprises a compression resistant member.

67. (currently amended) The absorbent article of claim 66 wherein the compression resistant member of each of the pair of opposed thrust portions is encased and wherein the compression resistant member of each of the pair of opposed thrust portions is in part encased by an inner covering.

68. (previously presented) The absorbent article of claim 60 wherein a first longitudinal edge of the gasket element is joined at the rear waist section to form a closed rear waist end portion.

69. (previously presented) The absorbent article of claim 68 wherein the gasket element is effective to form a containment volume effective to contain human discharge therewithin.

70. (previously presented) The absorbent article of claim 69 wherein the gasket element is effective to contain human discharge spaced apart from contact with the body of the wearer.

71. (previously presented) The absorbent article of claim 60 wherein the at least one gasket element comprises a plurality of gasket elements.

72. (previously presented) The absorbent article of claim 60 additionally comprising a bodyside liner deployable by action of the gasketing assembly toward the waist of the wearer.

73. (previously presented) The absorbent article of claim 72 wherein the gasketing assembly comprises a plurality of gasket elements.

74. (previously presented) The absorbent article of claim 60 wherein the at least one gasket element is formed at least in part by a bodyside liner and the gasketing assembly comprises a pair of leg members, each leg member having first and second terminal ends with the first terminal end of each leg member connected to a face of the bodyside liner and the second terminal end of each leg member connected to the stretchable waist band.

75. (currently amended) A disposable absorbent article which defines a longitudinal direction with a longitudinal centerline and a lateral direction and which absorbent article includes a stretchable waist band in a rear waist section, the stretchable waist band having a pair of opposed ~~end~~ ends, each opposed end carrying a fastener employable to secure the absorbent article about a waist of a wearer with the waist band under tension, said article further comprising:

a gasketing assembly operatively joined about the longitudinal centerline with a portion of the stretchable waist band to deploy at least one gasket element against the lower back of the wearer when the waist band is in a stretched condition and to form a containment volume, the deployed gasket element being effective to inhibit flow of matter between the waist of the wearer and the waist band of the absorbent article

76. (previously presented) The disposable absorbent article of claim 75 wherein the gasket element comprises a face portion and at least a pair of opposed thrust portions effective to deploy the face portion toward the waist of the wearer.

77. (previously presented) The disposable absorbent article of claim 76 wherein at least one of the at least a pair of opposed thrust portions comprises a compression resistant member.

78. (previously presented) The disposable absorbent article of claim 75 wherein the at least one gasket element comprises a plurality of gasket elements.

79. (previously presented) The disposable absorbent article of claim 75 additionally comprising a bodyside liner deployable by action of the gasketing assembly toward the waist of the wearer.

80. (previously presented) A method of using an absorbent article adapted to fit about a waist of a wearer, including a rear waist of the wearer, the absorbent article having a longitudinal direction and a lateral direction and which absorbent article includes a front waist section, a stretchable waist band whose opposed ends carry fasteners employable to secure the absorbent article about the waist of the wearer with the waist band under tension, and an intermediate section which interconnects the front and rear waist sections and which intermediate section includes an absorbent portion, the method comprising:

tensioning the stretchable waist band to deploy at least one gasket element to inhibit a longitudinal flow of human discharge along a body faceable surface of the absorbent article.

81. (previously presented) The method of claim 80 wherein the absorbent article has a longitudinal centerline and wherein the gasket element is centered about the longitudinal centerline.

82. (previously presented) The method of claim 80 wherein the gasket element includes a face portion and at least one thrust portion wherein, upon tensioning the stretchable waist band, the face portion is deployed toward the waist of the wearer.

83. (previously presented) The method of claim 80 wherein upon deployment of the gasket element, a containment volume effective to contain human discharge therewithin and spaced apart from contact with the body of the wearer is formed.

84. (previously presented) The method of claim 80 wherein the absorbent article also includes a bodyside liner wherein deployment of the gasket element directs the bodyside liner toward the waist of the wearer.

85. (previously presented) The method of claim 80 wherein the at least one gasket element comprises a plurality of gasket elements and wherein the tensioning of the stretchable waist band effects deployment of the plurality of gasket elements for inhibiting a longitudinal flow of human discharge along a body faceable surface of the absorbent article.

86. (previously presented) The absorbent article of claim 62 wherein the at least one thrust portion comprises a rigid member.

87. (previously presented) The disposable absorbent article of claim 76 wherein at least one of the at least a pair of opposed thrust portions comprises a rigid member.

88. (previously presented) The method of claim 82 wherein the at least one thrust portion comprises a rigid member.

89. (new) The absorbent article of claim 60 wherein the gasketing assembly is directly joined with the rear waist portion of the stretchable waist band to mechanically deploy the at least one gasket element upon tensioning of the stretchable waist band.

90. (new) The disposable absorbent article of claim 75 wherein the gasketing assembly is directly joined about the longitudinal centerline with the portion of the stretchable waist band to deploy the at least one gasket element against the lower back of the wearer when the waist band is in the stretched condition and to form the containment volume.

91. (new) The method of claim 80 wherein the gasket element is directly joined with the stretchable waist band.